



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND FOOTWASHING

2 April 2026 | 7pm

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT & PREACHER *REV. ANDY BLEACH*

ORGANIST & CANTOR *GLENN AMER*

SETTING *DUDMAN*

The name 'Maundy' derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – mandatum novum – which Christ gave his disciples at the 'Last Supper' John 13:34

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This day commemorates the Lord's example of servant ministry, the institution of the Eucharist, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.

The white vestments symbolise that we have been made clean by the blood of Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, which describes Christ washing the feet of his disciples, the Priest washes the feet of several members of the congregation.

At the end of the service the Lord's Table is stripped and the decorations removed; the church is left bare and stark for Good Friday.

The Watch of the Passion is kept for one hour after the stripping of the Lord's Table.



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

ENTRANCE HYMN

Tune O Waly, Waly

- 1 An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.
- 2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.
- 3 And after supper he washed their feet,
for service too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete –
sent out to serve, as he was sent.
- 4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903 - 2000

The Service Leader welcomes the people with a greeting.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
whose mercy endures for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SENTENCE

Celebrant

'A new command I give you: love one another.' Says the Lord. 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'

John 13:34

Tonight, we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn.

This is the night when Christ, the Son of Man, gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast that as we break the bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the night for watching and prayer. We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey
you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in
faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in
all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

2 *mp*
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

7
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

11
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God,
of your tender love towards us
you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh,

and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all should follow the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant
that we may both follow the example of his patience,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 12:1-14

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²‘This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. ¹²‘On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴‘This is a day you are to

commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 116

Chant: 191 Richard Massey



- 1 I love the Lord because he | heard my | voice:
The | voice of my | supplic | ation.
- 2 Because he in | clined his | ear to me:
In the | day | that I | called to him.
- 11 How shall I re | pay the | Lord:
for | all his | bene • fits | to me?
- 12 I will take up the | cup of • sal | vation:
and | call up • on the | name • of the | Lord.
- 13 I will pay my | vows • to the | Lord:
in the | presence • of | all his | people.
- 14 Grievous in the | sight • of the | Lord:
is the | death | of his | faithful ones.
- 15 O Lord I am your servant * your servant and the | son
of • your | handmaid:
you | have un | loosed my | bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of | thanks | giving:
and | call up • on the | name • of the | Lord.
- 17 I will pay my | vows • to the | Lord:
in the | presence • of | all his | people.

18 In the courts of the | house • of the | Lord:
even in your midst O Jerusalem | Praise | – the | Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hear the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you.

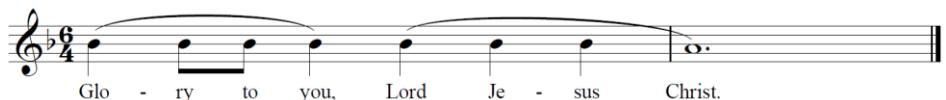
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

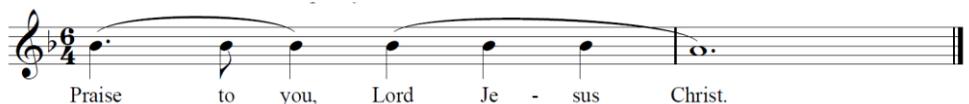
And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to **John 13:1-17, 31-35**



It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ 'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.' ⁹ 'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!' ¹⁰ Jesus answered, 'Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. ¹³ 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. ³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit.

HYMN

Tune: Fulda

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
 where sound the cries of race and clan,
 above the noise of selfish strife
 we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
 on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
 from paths where hide the lures of greed
 we catch the vision of your tears.

- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
 from human grief and burdened toil,
 from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
 your heart has never known recoil.

- 4 The cup of water given for you
 still holds the freshness of your grace;
 yet long these multitudes to see
 the sweet compassion of your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountain side
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide,
 and tread the city's streets again:

- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love
 and follow where your feet have trod,
 till glorious from your heaven above
 shall come the city of our God.

Frank Mason North, 1850 - 1935

THE WASHING OF THE FEET

Celebrant

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by worldly power and authority, but by such lowly service.

Friends in Christ, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Remember his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. Engrave on your hearts and mirror in your actions Jesus' words: "A servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

The Celebrant washes the feet of all those members of the congregation who wish. Those wishing to have their feet washed – please proceed to the Sanctuary.

Following the washing of feet

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit or kneel

Senior Server Gathered around the table of the Lord; let us pray in love for the needs of all.

Silence is kept before each versicle and response.

- Celebrant* Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us, **and humble us.**
- Celebrant* On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us, **and unite us.**
- Celebrant* On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to believe through your disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us, **and renew our zeal.**
- Celebrant* On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us, **and fill us with your love.**
- Celebrant* On this night, Jesus reminded his people that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us, **and give us your peace.**
- Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom, where you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:
 Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under
your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have
mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand

Celebrant

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you: And, al - so with you. Lift up your hearts:". The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God:". The third staff is also for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give our thanks and praise.". The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Celebrant

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. When his hour had come, in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples, that we might proclaim his death, and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

2 *f*
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 7
 Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 11 *mp*
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 15 *f*
 name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,
 'Drink from this, all of you.
 This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

AGNUS DEI

mp
Je-sus Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus bear-er of our
6
p
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

Alcoholic wine is available in the Common Cup, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail and wait until chalice bearer says the Words for the Giving of Communion before drinking.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

After receiving communion, the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

COMMUNION HYMN

Tune: Grace in Essence

- 1 Bread is blessed and broken,
Wine is blessed and poured:
Take this and remember
Christ the Lord.
- 2 Share the food of heaven
Earth cannot afford.
Here is grace in essence -
Christ the Lord.
- 3 Know yourself forgiven,
Find yourself restored,
Meet a friend for ever -
Christ the Lord.
- 4 God has kept his promise
Sealed by sign and word:
Here, for those who want him -
Christ the Lord.

John L. Bell, 1949 -

SENTENCE

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:34 - 35

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of betrayal
Jesus commanded his disciples
to love one another as he loved them.
We thank you for feeding us in this supper.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was servant of all.

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation remains standing as the clergy and servers depart.
All then sit. The lights are turned off. Psalm 88 is read by the Celebrant
during which the stripping of the sanctuary and the chapel takes place –
symbolising humiliation, abandonment, and desolation.*

THE WATCH OF THE PASSION

A watch for one hour is kept.

The Celebrant begins it by saying:

The paschal candle burns alone in the darkness, reminding us of Jesus, light of the world, alone in the garden of Gethsemane, the apostles having fled or fallen asleep. A watch is kept for an hour: we meditate upon our Lord's lonely vigil, his agony, and our loyalty to him this past year.

From the gospel according to Mark: And Jesus went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said: "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto you; take away this cup from me; nevertheless not what I will, but what you will."

At the half-hour the Celebrant says:

And he came, and found them sleeping, and said to Peter: "Simon, do you sleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray."

At the hour the Celebrant says:

And he came the third time, and said to them: "Sleep on now, and take your rest. It is enough, the hour is come."

The candle is taken from the church, and all depart as quietly as possible.

SOME PRIVATE PRAYERS

WATCHING AND PRAYING

Father most holy,
you allowed the Prince of Darkness to complete his work.
Your Son Jesus knew sadness and anguish this night,
that we might know he loved you.
But you were with your Beloved Son,
and the Evil One could not prevail over him.
Give us the strength to watch and pray
that we may not enter into temptation.
Lead us to the dawn of that day
when the work of your glory will be accomplished,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ACT OF LOVE

You know better than I how much I love you, Lord.
You know it and I know it not, for nothing is more hidden from me than the
depths of my own heart. I desire to love you; I fear that I do not love you
enough. I beseech you to grant me the fullness of pure love. Behold my
desire; you have given it to me. Behold in your creature what you have
placed there. O God, who loved me enough to inspire me to love you for
ever, behold not my sins. Behold your mercy and my love. **Amen.**

FOR THE FULLNESS OF LOVE

Set our hearts on fire with love to thee, O Christ our God, that in that
flame we may love thee with all our hearts, with all our minds, with all
our souls, and with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourselves; so
that, keeping thy commandments, we may glorify thee, the giver of all
good gifts. **Amen.**

Easter at St Peter's Cremorne

We hope you can join us at one or more of our
Easter services.



3 April 2026 - Good Friday

10am Good Friday All Ages Service

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

5 April 2026 - Easter Sunday

6am Service of Light

9am Sung Eucharist

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